

# **Forensic Evidence in the Fight Against Torture**

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### **Speaker Bios**

#### **Claudio Grossman, Dean and Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law (WCL) and Chairperson, United Nations Committee against Torture**

Since Claudio Grossman's appointment as Dean in 1995, WCL has further developed its intellectual creativity, pursuing numerous and exciting initiatives such as dual degree programs, summer and semester abroad programs, local summer programs and institutes, the LL.M. in Law and Government Program, LL.M. in Advocacy, new LL.M. specializations, joint LL.M./MBA degree, the S.J.D. Program, the Supervised Externship Program, the Center on International Commercial Arbitration, the Intellectual Property Program, new clinics, and integrated sections and electives within the first year curriculum.

Dean Grossman currently serves as chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture, and member of the Governing Board of the International Association of Law Schools, of the Board of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, and of the International Objectives Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). Grossman is also serving as a referee in peer review evaluations for the European Research Council *Dedicated Implementation Structure*, under the Ideas Specific Programme, until 2013. A member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights from 1993-2001, he served in numerous capacities including President (1996-97; 2001), Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women (1996-2000), and Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Populations (2000-2001). Dean Grossman has authored numerous publications on international law and human rights, and received numerous awards for his work in those fields including the 2010 Henry W. Edgerton Civil Liberties Award from the ACLU of the National Capital Area and the 2012 Deborah L. Rhode Award from the AALS Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities.

#### **Brita Sydhoff, Secretary General, the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims**

Secretary-General of the IRCT since September 2004. Responsibilities include implementation of the IRCT's policies and strategies with a broad mandate to promote and support IRCT rehabilitation centres and programmes and the prevention of torture globally.

Previous positions include Head of the Department of International Law and Refugees of the Swedish Red Cross; Resident Representative of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Geneva, Switzerland; Head of Programmes with the International Council for Voluntary Agencies, also in Geneva; Head of research programme on international migration in the International Organisation for Migration in Budapest, Hungary; Head of the Danish Refugee Council's operations in the former Yugoslavia with responsibility for implementing humanitarian emergency programmes; and consultant for the World Health Organization. Prior to leaving Sweden in 1984 Ms Sydhoff worked for the Swedish Migration Board in senior positions for 13 years.

#### **Dr. Mohamud Sheikh Nurein Said, President, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims**

Medical Doctor. President of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. Member of the Board of the IMLU centre in Kenya. For many years involved with the Kenyan Medical Association and initiated the Human Rights Committee of the Kenyan Medical Association. Awarded (Kenyan) head of

state (presidential) Commendation (Hsc) on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2004 (Independence Day) for immense contribution towards community development and provision of health services.

**Duarte Nuno Vieira, National Institute of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences, University of Coimbra, Portugal**

Duarte Nuno Vieira (MD, MSc, PhD) is the current President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine and of the European Council of Legal Medicine. He is the Past-President of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, of the World Police Medical Officers, of the Mediterranean Academy of Legal Medicine and of the Latin-American Association of Medical Law, and member of the Executive Board of the Iberoamerican Network of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences Institutions. He is full professor of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences and of Ethics and Medical Law at the University of Coimbra and invited professor in several European and South-America universities. He is also the Director of the National Institute of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences of Portugal and a member of the Portuguese National Council of Ethics for Life Sciences. He has published extensively and he has been awarded 11 scientific prizes and 14 honorary fellowships from scientific associations, governments and municipalities, from European, Asian and Central and South American countries. He has participated in many international missions as forensic consultant, especially in the field of Human Rights.

**Hans Petter Hougen, Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Copenhagen, Denmark**

Professor of forensic medicine, University of Copenhagen, Chief forensic pathologist of East Denmark. Graduated from medical school, University of Copenhagen. American entrance exam (ECFMG). PhD., University of Copenhagen. Doctor of medical science (DMSc), University of Copenhagen. Specialist training in forensic pathology, Miami, Florida, USA and Copenhagen, Denmark. Board certified specialist in anatomic pathology. Board certified specialist in forensic pathology and clinical forensic medicine. Master of Public Administration, Copenhagen Business School.

Areas of investigation include: Experimental immunopathology and infection pathology; Sudden cardiac death; Epidemiology of suicides and homicides; Forensic aspects of human rights' violations; Pathology of gunshot and explosion injuries.

More than 125 publications in international journals and book chapters on experimental immunopathology and infection pathology, sudden cardiac death, epidemiology of suicides and homicides, forensic aspects of torture and human rights and pathology of gunshot and explosion injuries.

Membership of scientific organizations: American Association of Forensic Sciences; International Academy of Legal Medicine; Danish Society of Forensic Sciences (Past president); Danish Society for Pathological Anatomy and Clinical Cytology.

International experience includes: Several forensic expert assignments for UN, OAS, ICRC and various national authorities as well as several NGOs with experience from more than 15 different countries during more than 25 years.

**Mostafa Hussein, El Nadim Center for Psychological Treatment and Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence, Egypt**

Mostafa graduated in psychiatry from the Ain Shams University Hospital. He has worked previously at the Nadim Centre for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture where he was responsible for diagnosis, management, follow-up and referral of outpatient survivors of torture, and organised outreach visits to survivors of torture and police violence.

Mostafa has been involved in local anti-torture activism and advocacy, and has joined several IRCT training programs. He has also participated in training forensic doctors in Egypt's medico-legal authority on the psychological consequences of torture based on the Istanbul Protocol organised by the IRCT.

Mostafa is finishing his postgraduate studies at Ain Shams University and preparing for the final stages of membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Mostafa blogs at <http://moftasa.net/>

**Juan Mendez, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and WCL Visiting Professor of Law**

Juan E. Méndez is a Visiting Professor of Law at the American University – Washington College of Law, and since November 2010, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. In 2009 and 2010 he was the Special Advisor on Prevention to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He was also Co-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association in 2010 and 2011. Until May 2009 he was the President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and in the summer of 2009 he was a Scholar-in-Residence at the Ford Foundation in New York. Concurrent with his duties at ICTJ, the Honorable Kofi Annan named Mr. Méndez his Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, a task he performed from 2004 to 2007.

**Phil Shiner, Public Interest Lawyers, UK**

Phil Shiner leads the team at Public Interest Lawyers (PIL). He is a lawyer with an international and national reputation for his work on issues concerning international, environmental and human rights law. He has been practicing as a solicitor in the UK since 1981.

He has acted in some of the most constitutionally significant human rights test cases including Al Skeini, Al-Jedda, Gentle et Al. In addition Phil also represents the family of Baha Mousa and the survivors of the fateful incident in which Baha Mousa was killed in the Baha Mousa Inquiry. The report of the Inquiry Chair Sir William Gage was released on 8 September 2011.

Phil is also the solicitor representing the families of the deceased as well as the survivors of the notorious “Battle of Danny Boy” in an unprecedented second judicial Inquiry into the actions of UK forces in SE Iraq during their occupation. The Inquiry opening is expected to take place later this year. Further, he is acting in over 150 other cases presently before the Court of Appeal in which Iraqi civilians complain of torture and CIDT whilst in custody with UK Forces in South East Iraq.

Phil was Liberty/Justice Human Rights Lawyer of the year 2004 for his work on Iraq and was the Law Society’s Solicitor of the Year 2007. He is an honorary professor at the Metropolitan University of London and a Vice-President at the Haldane Society. He has written and spoken widely on the subject matter of his presentation to this meeting and is the co-editor of “The Iraq War and International Law” (with Williams, A) Hart Publications, 2008.

### **Mariam Jishkariani, Empathy, Georgia**

Dr. Mariam Jishkariani is Certified Doctor Psychiatrist since 1990. She is founder president and director of the RCT/EMPATHY since 1996, Expert Psychiatrist of the National Preventive Mechanism, at the Georgian Public Defender's office, Invited teacher of the Tbilisi State Medical University, Division of Psychiatry, and Invited Expert Psychiatrist for quality control expertise of the Georgian Medical Association, UNHCHR/Tbilisi Invited Trainer/Expert. She is also Board Member of the WPA Scientific Section – Psychological Consequences of Torture and Persecution, also Member of the Board of Directors of the Georgian Medical Association and Head of Section on Torture at the Society of Georgian Psychiatrists, member of the Penal Reform International. She has experience of Trainer/Expert in several IRCT, PRI and RCT/EMPATHY's training programmes on Documentation and Prevention of Torture, health in prison etc. She is the author of about 10 projects of the RCT/EMPATHY that beneficiaries are average 500 persons per year. She is leading at the RCT/EMPATHY all components that includes multi faced medical, mental/psychological, art therapy, social and legal support for victims of torture – victims from military ethnic cleansing regions of Georgia, refugees from Chechnya, prisoners, former prisoners and other target groups with torture and ill- treatment experience. She also is leading the crisis intervention, training/research and Forensic programmes of the RCT/EMPATHY. Since 1997 she has teaching experience. During 24 years she participated as expert/trainer in more than 20 international, regional or national training/seminars related to the torture, health in prison and stress related disorders, organized for doctors "at risk" and legal experts. She participated and made presentations in more than 26 national and international meetings and conferences published about 35 articles, papers, books, reports on Georgian, Russian and English languages.

### **Maria Natividad P. Hernandez, Medical Action Group, The Philippines**

Edeliza Hernandez is a registered nurse who works in a non-government organization as the Executive Director of the Medical Action Group, based in the Philippines. She has worked with different non-government organizations that deals with human rights and was currently a member of the board of directors of the Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court (PCICC) and the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA). She had attended and mostly invited as a resource person to local and international conferences that deals with the victims of torture and desaparecidos (disappeared). Her office initiates trainings for medical practitioners, law enforcers and human rights defenders regarding medical documentation, monitoring and investigation of human rights violations in coordination with the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the European Commission and other leading human rights organization of the world regarding torture and human rights cases. Among the latest she had participated as presenter and debater on the Philippine experience was the FIDH Strategy Workshop on Terrorism in Yerevan Armenia. She has also served as an educator in labor issues and concerns before she got fully involved in human rights.

### **Pierre Duterte, Parcours d'Exile, France**

Pierre Duterte, medical doctor, psychotherapist and family therapist, trainer and supervisor, was born in Tourcoing in 1953. In 1994 he makes a commitment as voluntary doctor in a health care centre for torture victims, then in 1995 becomes director of this centre. In 2001 he co-created the association Parcours of Young people, then opens in 2002 the health care centre Parcours of Exile, centre dedicated to the treatment of victims of torture and foreign isolated minors.. In 1994 he was honored as "Gold MD" for his professional activity and his commitments.

Pierre Duterte is also President and founder of the **Ballal Association**, which aids deported Mauritians living in Senegal. President and founder of **Rupture**, a non-profit whose goal is to combat the death penalty and improve prison detention conditions. President and founder of the **Torture Victim Healing**

**Center Coalition of Latin Europe (CCVT-EL).** General Secretary of “**La Voix de L’Enfant**” (The Child’s Voice), an umbrella organization whose goal is to “listen to and defend children in distress both in France and around the world. Co-founder and general secretary of the Namuwao Monrovia Association, a non-profit that helps former child soldiers from Liberia reintegrate into their country’s education system. It also aids Liberian refugees looking to return to Liberia. Member of **Cuenta Conmigo Perú**, an association that works abroad to raise awareness about Peruvian daily life culture Founder of the trans-cultural Institute Takyi He published in 2007 « **Terres Inhumaines** » **un médecin face à la torture. Préface de Maître Robert Badinter (Landscapes of Inhumanity: one doctor’s encounters with torture)** *JC Lattès Publishers* and in 2011 **Gerald Messadié- Le krach du sperme et autres menaces (The sperm crash and other threats)** *Archipel Publishers*. Pierre Duterte is also a photographer.

### **Daniel Carey, Public Interest Lawyers, UK**

Daniel is a solicitor at Public Interest Lawyers (“PIL”) in the UK, a practice specialising in public law and human rights cases. In recent years PIL has been at the forefront of efforts to eradicate torture from British military and intelligence services practice.

Daniel has worked on a number of notable PIL cases including *Al-Skeini* (ECHR jurisdiction in Iraq); *Al-Saadoon* (the *non-refoulement* duty in relation to the death penalty in Iraq); and the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry. He lead the team on *Evans*, concerning the handing over of prisoners by UK forces in Afghanistan to face torture at the hands of the Afghan intelligence service. He is currently working on the Al-Sweady Public Inquiry, an investigation into an incident involving alleged torture and unlawful killing of a large number of Iraqi civilians in Iraq in 2004.

In 2009 Daniel received the Peter Duffy Award at the Liberty and Justice Human Rights Awards in the UK for his work on a number of these cases. In 2007 he received the Law Society’s New Solicitor of the Year for his work in Guatemala with the NGO Peace Brigades International (PBI). Prior to his work at PIL, Daniel worked at the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center in New Orleans, USA and as a commercial lawyer.

### **Christian Harlang, Lawyer, Denmark**

Supreme Court Advocate. Working as an independent council since 1982 within the areas of administrative and constitutional law, human rights etc.

Landmark cases are among others: Maastricht Treaty/Danish Constitutional rules, Schengen – Treaty, Thule case on rights of indigenous polar Eskimos, etc. Lecturer and examiner, University of Copenhagen, Law Faculty.

### **Irit Ballas, PCATI, Israel**

Irit Ballas, att., is head of research at the Public Committee against Torture in Israel (PCATI), and a graduate student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s Department of Sociology, the. After completing her studies at the Hebrew University’s Faculty of Law, Ms Ballas did her legal apprenticeship at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI).

In the course of her work at PCATI, she wrote several of the organization’s key reports, i.a. “Accountability Denied: The Absence of Investigation and Punishment of Torture in Israel” (2009) and “Doctoring the Evidence, Abandoning the Victim: The Involvement of Medical Professionals in Torture

and ill-treatment in Israel” (2011). Ms Ballas was also actively involved in various petitions to the High Court of Justice relating to state violations of human rights in Israel and in the Occupied Territories.

**Dr Ala’a Shehabi, civil rights activist, economist, writer and a lecturer, Bahrain**

Dr Ala’a Shehabi is a British-born Bahraini civil rights activist, economist, writer and a lecturer in Bahrain. She is a founding member of the Bahrain Rehabilitation and Anti-Violence Organisation (BRAVO) that was established in January 2012 by lawyers, doctors and activists. She has a PhD from Imperial College London and worked for two years as a policy analyst for the RAND Corporation. Her husband is a torture survivor. BRAVO will strive to support the implementation of the Istanbul Protocol in Bahrain, as recommended by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry and seeks to offer rehabilitation to hundreds of torture survivors.

**Felicitas Treue, Colectivo Contra la Tortura y la Impunidad, Mexico**

Felicitas Treue, Psychologist, Psychotherapist. General Coordinator of the Colectivo Contra la Tortura y la Impunidad – CCTI (Collective against Torture and Impunity), Mexico. Masters degree in Psychology from the University Johann Wolfgang Goethe in Frankfurt, Germany. Specialization in cognitive behavioral therapy.

Since 1998 working in the rehabilitation of torture survivors (psychotherapy, counseling, psychosocial support), training for health and legal professionals, documentation of torture. Participation in the implementation process of the Istanbul Protocol (IP) in Mexico since 2000, co-author of the national adaptation for Mexico, trainer in the first international seminar about the IP in Mexico. Trainer for the Istanbul Protocol in national/international seminars in Mexico, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and for the Interamerican Commission for Human Rights. Psychological exams (Istanbul Protocol) of torture survivors for national courts in Mexico and the Interamerican Commission for Human Rights. Psychological expert in the Interamerican Court for Human Rights. Member of the international forensic expert group of the IRCT.

**Frances Lovemore, Counselling Services Unit, Zimbabwe**

Medical Director of Counselling Services Unit, an organisation providing medical, psychological and rehabilitative services to victims of organised violence and torture throughout Zimbabwe through a network of medical service providers. CSU also prepares medico-legal affidavits for all victims, and submits narratives and affidavits to relevant domestic, regional and international mechanisms as requested by the victims.

CSU has collaborative activities with local and regional legal organisations around both individual cases and matters of systematic torture, and appropriate litigation and investigative mechanisms to eliminate impunity. Dr Lovemore has worked with victims of Organised Violence and Torture for 12 years.

**Ana Deutsch, Program for Torture Victims Los Angeles, USA/Argentina**

Ana C. Deutsch is a native of Argentina. She obtained her degree in Clinical Psychology at the Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina. She came to the United States with her family in 1977 as a political refugee. In 1980 Ana co-founded the Program for Torture Victims in Los Angeles, the first program of its kind in the United States, and has served as its Clinical Director since its inception; her duties include performing forensic evaluations to victims of torture seeking asylum in the United States.

As an expert in the psychological consequences of torture Ana has provided expert opinion in federal court proceedings in three landmark cases (Filartiga v. Pena Ilara, and others) In addition Ana have been appointed as an expert witness by the Inter-American Court in numerous occasions. Ana resides currently in Los Angeles, California.

**Yadira Maria de la Cruz Narvaez Silva, PRIVA, Ecuador**

Medical Doctor. Director of PRIVA (Foundation for Integral Rehabilitation of Violence Victims), Quito, Ecuador. Council Member of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims. Has worked extensively on the Istanbul Protocol and run training programmes on the use of forensic medicine and human rights for employees of the national police and prison service. Co-author on manuals relating to the national penal system and social rehabilitation and has assisted in the implementation of a human rights policy for prisons. She is currently on the Sub-Committee for Human Rights in Prisons.

**Rafael Garrido Álvarez, Red de Apoyo**

Rafael Garrido Álvarez (Venezuela) obtained his law degree (with honors) from the University of Margarita in 2006, participated in the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition at American University in 2005, coached the team in 2006, and was the academic coordinator of the University of Margarita's Human Rights Center between 2005 and 2008. He earned a scholarship from the Andinan Human Rights Program of the Simón Bolívar Andinan University for the Master Human Rights and Democracy in Latin America, and obtained his master degree in 2009. He also worked as a teacher in the Andrés Bello Catholic University, teaching international human rights systems in the Advanced Studies in Human Rights Program. He currently works as a lawyer in the NGO Red de Apoyo por la Justicia y la Paz, providing legal support to victims of human rights violations.

**Silvia Serrano Guzmán, Human Rights Specialist, IACHR, USA**

Silvia Serrano Guzmán is a Colombian attorney who graduated from the *Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga* and is an LL.M. candidate at Georgetown University. She has worked at the IACHR since 2006 in various posts as a human rights specialist, and since 2009 she has worked on the Litigation Group, which provides support in litigating cases before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. She has a number of human rights publications to her name and has participated in various training seminars and courses for public officials and members of NGO's on the Inter-American Human Rights System.

**Jürgen Schurr, REDRESS, UK**

Juergen Schurr is a Legal Advisor with REDRESS, which he joined in 2010. He has also worked as Associate Legal Officer in Chambers at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, as Universal Jurisdiction Project Coordinator for the International Federation for Human Rights and REDRESS, as well as a consultant for Human Rights Watch. Juergen holds a LLB from the University of East Anglia and an LLM from the University of Trier.

**Rupert Skilbeck, OSI Justice Initiative, USA**

Rupert Skilbeck is the Litigation Director at the Open Society Justice Initiative, based in New York, where he oversees strategic human rights litigation in cases involving discrimination, freedom of expression, torture, deaths in custody, fair trial rights, corruption, national security, and international criminal law, before tribunals including the African, European and Inter-

American regional human rights systems, as well as the UN Human Rights Committee and Committee against Torture. He is a barrister at the Bar of England and Wales, having practiced in the field of criminal law, human rights law and international criminal law. In June 2006 he was appointed by the United Nations as the Principal Defender of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Prior to that he worked as the Director of Odsjek Krivicne Odbrane (OKO), the criminal defence section of the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo, and also as the defence advisor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Freetown. He has published and lectured widely on human rights law and international criminal law.

### **Mechthild Wenk-Ansohn, BZFO, Germany**

Born in 1952, living in Potsdam near Berlin. Medical doctor and psychotherapist, special traumatherapy (DeGPT/ESTSS). Since 1994 staff member at the Berlin Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims (bzfo/Überleben). Since 2006 head of the outpatient sector bzfo. Currently council member of IRCT. Main focus of work: diagnostics, medical reports, psychosomatically oriented treatment and psychotherapy with clients from various cultures who have experienced torture or violence in wars/civil wars - especially treatment of women who have suffered gender-specific violence. Member of the expert-group SBPM that established standards for Germany for medical expert opinions on psychotrauma in asylum cases (including the psychological part of Istanbul Protocol), certified medical expert in this field at the Berlin Medical Chamber of Doctors, supervisor.

Experience in training also in the international field, lecturer at national and international conferences and dialogues with politicians, German immigration-authorities and judges, publications on diagnostics and treatment of trauma-reactive disorders in intercultural settings.

### **Rodger Haines, Lawyer**

After being admitted to practice in 1972, he engaged for the first 11 years in Government litigation and prosecution work. Since 1983 he has practised as a barrister specializing in administrative law, immigration law, citizenship law, refugee law, Customs law and extradition law. He is currently Chairperson of the New Zealand Human Rights Review Tribunal. When the New Zealand refugee determination system was set up in 1991 he was one of the original three appointees to the Refugee Status Appeals Authority and wrote many of its principal decisions. He remained a member of the Authority until it was disestablished in November 2010. In the period 1994 to 2010 he was Deputy Chairperson.

Since 1993 he has lectured in Immigration and Refugee law at the Faculty of Law, Auckland University. In 2000 and again in 2003 he co-taught papers in Comparative Asylum Law with Professor James C Hathaway at The University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

In May 1999 he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

### **Christy Fujio, Physicians for Human Rights, USA**

Christy Fujio is the Director of the Asylum Program at Physicians for Human Rights, where she determines policy direction related to asylum and detention issues and oversees a network of approximately 450 health professionals who provide forensic medical evaluations to asylum seekers. Prior to joining PHR, Christy worked in private practice as an immigration attorney and volunteered at the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project. Previously, Christy was Chief of Staff at Hunt Alternatives, where she organized and conducted legal training and capacity-building seminars for women parliamentarians, executive officers, and civil society leaders from Rwanda, Liberia, Sudan,



Bosnia, Serbia, Afghanistan, and Russia. She consulted directly with Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf regarding the transitional justice hurdles Liberia faces in the wake of its civil war. In addition to her law degree, Christy has a Master's degree in International Policy Studies and a Bachelor's degree in East Asian studies. Her analyses have been published by legal journals at Georgetown University Law School, University of San Francisco Law School, and Michigan State University Law School.

### **Carlos Jibaja, Director of CAPS, Peru**

Carlos Jibaja Zárate is a Peruvian clinical psychologist, psychoanalytical psychotherapist and Director of Mental Health of the Centre of Psychosocial Attention (CAPS). He attends torture survivors and their family members since 1998. He has a number of clinical and human rights publications that show his multidisciplinary interests

### **Sothara Muny, TPO Cambodia**

Dr. Sothara MUNY, Medical Doctor and Psychiatrist, works as Project Coordinator for the “Justice and Relief for Khmer Rouge Survivors Project” at Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO). Since 2007, TPO has been implementing a project providing psychosocial support to victims of Khmer Rouge who participate in the criminal proceedings of the *Extraordinary Chamber in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)*. Working closely with Witness Expert Support Unit as well as Victims Support Section of the ECCC, TPO aims to support active involvement of survivors in the justice process through the provision of a variety of psychological support services including preparatory psychological interventions, on-site support during the ECCC proceedings, intense psychological and psychiatric follow-up care and basic legal counseling, self-help groups and truth-telling platforms.

Additional services consist of information, education and communication, and training on torture and its after-effects to the legal staff of the ECCC, victims’ legal representatives and NGO staff. The project also collaborates with the Women’s Media Center to conduct a radio call-in-show program raising awareness among the Cambodian public about mental health and trauma in times of the Tribunal. In addition to providing treatment services to victims of torture during Democratic Kampuchea regime, the project has also documented the story of torture survivors when implementing *Testimonial Therapy* in cooperation with the Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Victims of Torture (RCT) in 2009 and has conducted a treatment study on *Narrative Exposure Therapy* with torture survivors in 2010. The testimonies produced have been used as personal document, publication as well as complementary information in the legal proceedings.

Having worked with the ECCC as the first hybrid tribunal of its kind, TPO had the opportunity to see the chances and challenges victims face when participating in criminal proceedings. At the present time, the project is struggling with how to effectively manage the participation of more than 3.500 victims in the coming Case 002 at the ECCC. I hope that lessons learned and experiences from TPO’s involvement with the ECCC can provide valuable insights to others working with survivors in the context of criminal justice. Along with sharing my knowledge from TPO and the ECCC, I am happy to apply the information learned in the conference to TPO and our work with survivors here in Cambodia.

### **Lilla Hardi, Cordelia Foundation, Hungary**

Dr Lilla Hárđi is a medical doctor licensed at the Semmelweis Medical University, Hungary, Budapest since 1981. She is a psychiatrist certified by the Imre Haynal University, Hungary, Budapest since 1985

and was admitted as a full member of the International Psychoanalytic Association in 1992. She is a psychotherapist and a rehabilitation psychiatrist. She has been the chair of the World Psychiatric Association's Section on Psychological Consequences Of Torture and Persecution since 2008. She is the European Council member and the Executive member of the International Rehabilitation Council of Torture Victims (IRCT) since 2008. She has been working in the field of refugee mental health and clinical treatment of victims of torture since 1993. She has been the medical director of Cordelia Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims since 1996 Budapest, Hungary. She has personally examined several hundred survivors of torture and human rights abuses, written multiple reports, and treated and/or supervised the treatment of hundreds of torture survivors. She has lectured and taught nationally and internationally on this topic and has published multiple articles, monographs and book chapters relating to the psychological consequences of torture and refugee mental health.

### **Carlos R. Mauricio, Executive Director, The Stop Impunity Project**

Carlos Mauricio was a professor at the University of El Salvador in June 1983 when he was kidnapped from his classroom, forced into an unmarked van and taken to National Police headquarters, where he was tortured for two weeks. Upon his release, he fled to the U.S. In 2002, he was one of three plaintiffs who successfully sued two former Salvadoran Ministers of Defense for their responsibility in his imprisonment and torture. The generals were ordered to pay \$54 million. In 2002, Carlos founded the Stop Impunity Project, which works to bring an end to the impunity enjoyed by human rights abusers in El Salvador.

Carlos has worked closely with the School of the Americas Watch to close this Pan American training facility. Last year, for the sixth time, he took a caravan from San Francisco through twelve cities across the country to the annual vigil to close the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. Carlos has also taken part in SOAW delegations to Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile in 2006, and Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras in 2007. He was instrumental in persuading the governments of Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia to stop sending troops to the School of the Americas.

In 2006 and 2007 Carlos lived in Burma, closely monitoring the human rights situation. In 2007, he visited Cambodia, to meeting with representatives of human rights and museums of historical memory to research the Cambodian struggle against impunity. In 2008 and 2009 he lived in Peru, closely following the trial of ex-president Fujimori, as well as the indigenous uprising in the Amazon. In November 2009, as a member of a delegation invited by President Mauricio Funes, and together with representatives of Amnesty International, the Center for Justice and Accountability, he attended ceremonies in San Salvador to commemorate the assassinations of the six Jesuit priests and their two housekeepers.

In his efforts to build a Museum of Memory in El Salvador, he is currently working with an organization of former political prisoners and torture survivors and returns to El Salvador regularly.

### **Victor Madrigal, IACHR, USA**

Victor Madrigal-Borloz is Head of the Registry Section of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington D.C., USA) since 2007. He oversees in this capacity the initial examination of all petitions received, and manages the Commission's programme for elimination of procedural delay. He is also the Head of the Commission's Plan of Action for the Rights of Lesbians, Gays and Trans, Bisexual and Intersex Persons.

On an annual basis since 2002, he chairs the international sessions of the International Centre for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (Copenhagen, Denmark) and chaired its General Assemblies of 2006 and 2009. He is a Member of the Board of the International Justice Resource Centre ([www.ijrcenter.org](http://www.ijrcenter.org)) and co-founded the Costa Rican Association of International Law (1992) and the Latin American Council

of International and Comparative Law (1994), and was co-editor of its Law Review *Foro Latinoamericano* from 1994 to 1996.

### **Loreine Dela Cruz, Balay Centre, Philippines**

She is a staunch human rights defender for more than three decades. She, along with fellow human rights defenders in the Philippines battled the dictatorship in the 70's until the People Power Revolution in 1986. She continued with her human rights advocacy and peace building work to date as she still sees lots of areas to work on in terms of changes. These include, legal, policy and judicial reforms; torture rehabilitation and prevention even more, with the enactment of the anti-torture law; access to justice; peace building and humanitarian protection. Aside from human rights and peace building, she is also very much into disaster risk reduction and climate justice because of the Philippines' nature of being prone to disasters. Her other areas of specialization are organizational development, research and program evaluation.

### **Sebnem Korur, Human Rights Foundation of Turkey**

Fields of interest include: Human rights, torture, women's rights, domestic violence, violence against women, violence against children, postmortem interval, postmortem histopathological and biochemical changes. Participation of International studies: On behalf of the United Nations International War Crimes Tribunal (ICTY UN); the autopsies of bodies from mass graves in Bosnia Kalesija, 29 September to 19 October 1996; UN Istanbul Protocol, 1999 - UN international education, EC, WMA, IRCT; World Medical Association, Physicians for Human Rights Dual Loyalty of Physicians – Preparatory work of a Guideline for Physicians, South Africa, 2000; WHO Sexual Violence Against Women Survey and the manual work, Switzerland, 2002; Istanbul Protocol Implementation Project; 2003-2005 Medical Trainer November 2004, Georgia; 2005 – Training Co-ordinator; Survey of Human Rights Violations in the Philippines, 2005.

She has been awarded national and international prizes several times, the most recent prize was "The International Medical Peace" award by International Medical Peace Work Network, "Medicine and Conscience" by 4 International Prevention of Nuclear War International Physicians (IPPNW), Congress, 14 October 2011, Germany. She is a master trainer of Istanbul Protocol; she has developed Istanbul protocol training module and trained at national and international training programme since 2001.

She is still working at Istanbul University, Istanbul Faculty of Medicine, Department of Forensic Medicine as Prof. Dr and the chair of Human Rights Foundation of Turkey.

### **Rusudan Beriashvili, State Medical University, Georgia**

Works in the field of Forensic Medicine since 1996 – started as an Assistant Professor of Forensic Medicine at Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU), then as an Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine at TSMU (since 2003 up to date). Since 2005 I worked in National Forensics Bureau of Georgia as DNA Consulting Scientist, 2009 – as Head of Forensic Biology (DNA) of National Forensics Bureau of Georgia, 2009-2011 – Head of Forensic Medicine of National Forensics Bureau of Georgia. Was involved in IPIP in 2003 when the Project in Georgia was started. In 2004 participated in IPIP ToU training in Georgia and in 2007 – in IPIP ToT training as a local trainer. Since 2007 was participating in number of international IPIP trainings in Georgia, Egypt, Turkey, Uzbekistan as an international trainer and an Expert in Forensic Medicine. In 2008 with support of IRCT I elaborated the Syllabus in Prevention and Documentation of Torture for undergraduate and postgraduate medical curriculum of

Tbilisi State Medical University that was later implemented not only in TSMU but universities of Cairo, Ain Shams, Beni Suif and others in Egypt. Since 2009 I'm member of Forensic Experts Group of IRCT.

### **Suzanne Jabbour, RESTART, Lebanon**

Suzanne Jabbour, Executive Director of Restart center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture, Vice-President of the UN Sub-Committee on Prevention of Torture (UN SPT) and executive committee member of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), leader of many projects implemented with the financial support of the European Commission, the UNHCR, Drosos Foundation and others.

Extremely detail oriented, organized, and possesses the ability to multi-task and continually prioritizes tasks. Advanced experience in developing and updating organization policies and procedures, as well as managing benefit plans that include negotiating contracts with donors. Over 18 years experience working with Non Governmental Organizations management in process and program development to accomplish the vision set forth.

### **Sana Hamzeh, RESTART, Lebanon**

Dr. Sana Hamze is currently a **Doctorate in Counseling of Grief and Trauma** in Breyer State University, USA. Holding a BS degree in clinical psychology and a **Masters degree in Psychology** from the Lebanese University, Dr. Hamze founded (along with other mental health professionals in Lebanon) *Restart Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture* (1996).

Nominated **Head of the Rehabilitation Unit** at Restart center, Dr. Hamze holds 17 years of experience as psychotherapist working with victims of torture and her mains include “*clinical individual supervision*” and “*peer supervision*”, for which she is also certified to train. She can be considered as a pioneer in introducing the “*care for caregivers*” concept among mental health and psycho-social associations in Lebanon. Her reputation is also well appreciated on the international level, being elected as member of the *International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)* during a three-year mandate and as one of the founders of the *Eastern Mediterranean Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (EMACAPAP)*.

### **Jonathan Beynon, Medical Expert, IRCT**

Dr. Jonathan Beynon, (United Kingdom). Independent expert in the prevention of torture, monitoring conditions of detention and health in detention, based in Geneva, Switzerland. Previously co-ordinator for health in detention at the HQ of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Human Rights officer, and senior medical examiner for Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture in London. He was a member of the WHO Task Force on Prison Health and has also acted as a medical expert for the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, and for the UN Sub-Committee for the Prevention of Torture. Over the last 18 years has assessed places of detention and the treatment of prisoners in many countries, throughout South, South East and Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean and Europe. (including Ethiopia, Uganda, Benin, Guinea Conakry, Israel, Palestine, Iran, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Myanmar, East Timor, Armenia, Haiti and Guantanamo Bay.) He has contributed to numerous publications on criminal justice systems, health in prisons, (including HIV and TB in prisons, mental health in prisons) and the documentation of torture from the World Health Organisation, United Nations/UNODC, the University of Essex and NGO's. He currently acts as an independent medical expert to the Council of Europe for the National Preventive Mechanisms of the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.

**Vivienne Nathanson, British Medical Association, UK**

Professor Vivienne Nathanson qualified at Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London, 1978 and then spent five and a half years in various hospital medical posts before joining the British Medical Association staff in 1984. She is now Director of Professional Activities at the BMA, which encompasses all the professional areas of work of the BMA including Ethics, Science, Medical Education, Public Health, Doctors' Health, Equal Opportunities, International Affairs and Conferencing. She is Honorary Professor of Ethics in the School for Health at Durham University. Professor Nathanson chaired the BMA Steering Group on Human Rights and was a member of Council and Council Executive of the International Rehabilitation Council for the Care of Victims of Torture between 1996 and 2009. She lectures extensively (Including at Cambridge and Durham) on ethics and human rights and has contributed chapters to textbooks on ethics and human rights. She has taught several programmes with the International Committee of the Red Cross, eg on ethics for doctors new to ICRC missions and human rights in prison settings. She has been an expert witness to Select Committees of the Houses of Lords and of Commons on wide variety of issues, including the rights of refugees to health care and medical ethics issues such as abortion law, euthanasia and assisted suicide, and to public enquiries on the abuse of prisoners of the UK military, and viral transmission in blood products.

**Diane F. Orentlicher, Former Deputy for War Crimes Issues, U.S. Department of State (2009-2011), Professor of International Law, Washington College of Law**

Diane F. Orentlicher is professor of international law and co-director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Washington College of Law. From 1995 to 2004, she served as faculty director of the law school's War Crimes Research Office, which has provided legal assistance to international criminal tribunals since 1995. Described by the *Washington Diplomat* as "one of the world's leading authorities on . . . war crimes tribunals," Orentlicher has lectured and written extensively on the scope of states' obligations to address mass atrocities and on the law and policy issues relating to international criminal tribunals and universal jurisdiction. She has served in several public positions, including most recently as Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State, upon appointment by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. She has previously served as an Independent Expert and consultant to the United Nations in various capacities relating to the UN's efforts to combat impunity. In September 2004, for example, Orentlicher was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as Independent Expert to update the UN's Set of Principles for the protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity. She previously served as Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.